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Status

1)☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>13 July 2007</u>.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL**.   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-6,8-16,18 and 20-23</u> is/are pending in the application.

    4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) <u>1-6,8-16,18 and 20-23</u> is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

    Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

    Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

    a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

        1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

        2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

        3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1.   This Office action is responsive to the Request for Continued Examination (RCE)

filed under 37 CFR §1.53(d) for the instant application on 7/13/07. Applicants have

properly set forth the RCE, which has been entered into the application, and an

examination on the merits follows herewith.

Claims 1-6, 8-16, 18, and 20-23 have been examined and are rejected. This

Office action is responsive to the amendment filed on 7/13/07, which has been entered

in the above identified application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2.   The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of
> making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the
> art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall
> set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3.   Claims 1-6, 8-16, 18, and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first

paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. The claim(s)

contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to

reasonably convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventor(s), at the time the

application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention. Regarding claims 1, 9,

and 22, nowhere in Applicant's specification describes <u>the server providing map service</u>

information as an Internet source for the map service information. Applicant's

specification only recites in the description of the prior art that people are now able to

obtain a variety of information from the world via Internet *[page 1, lines 9-10]*.

4.   The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

> The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly
> claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

5.   Claims 1-6, 8-16, 18, and 20-23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second

paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the

subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

        a.   Claims 1, 9, and 22 recite the limitation "the Internet" in *[line 2]*. There is

                insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6.   The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all

obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

> (a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set
> forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and
> the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the
> invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains.
> Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

7.   Claim 1-4, 6, 8-13, 15, 16, 18, and 20-23 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as

being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,684,087 (Yu et al) and U.S. Patent No.

6,941,382 B1 (Tuli).

Claims 1-4, 6, 8 (Method)

Claim 9 (System)

Claim 22 (Device)

7-1.   Referring to claims 1, 9, and 22, Yu discloses in *[column 7: lines 1-23]* a method

and system for providing map service information from a server that is an Internet

source for map service information to a user device that has user input capabilities. Yu

discloses in *[column 7: line 57]* through *[column 8: line 17]* that the mobile device

generates and transmits a request to fetch an item of interest from the server. A user

input command to designate the item of interest (map service information) is inherently

received during the steps of generating and transmitting the request for an item of

interest. A server module 310 *[figure 3A]* performs traditional server processing as well

as protocol conversion processing from one communication protocol to another

communication protocol *[column 6, lines 4-8]*. The item of interest is fetched from a

resource 104 *[figure 3A]*, which may be another server device coupled on the landnet or

the Internet and typically provides hypermedia information including image data for

others to access *[column 7, lines 66-67; column 8, lines 1-7]*. Thus, the user input

command is inputted to access map service information, is transmitted to a command

processing means which is independent of said user device and server, and is

interpreted and transmitted to a server.

      In response to the request, Yu discloses in *[column 8: lines 18-31]* that map

service information is provided on the server for the user device including service

mapping parameters correlated for the input capabilities of the user input device. Yu explains in [column 7: line 66] through [column 8: line 7] that the request includes a device identification that identifies the device. In [column 6: lines 30-58], Yu discloses that the device identification is linked to device parameters of the user device, which include the user input mechanism associated with the user device. Yu further discloses in [column 7: lines 1-23] that the map service information is preprocessed at the server with the parameters of the user device. Accordingly, the map service information is provided on the basis of the user input command transmitted to the server. Map service information is retrieved at said server [column 8: lines 4-7].

Although Yu teaches modifying said map service information at a server module and sending the modified map service information from the server module to the user device [column 6: lines 4-8; figure 3A], Yu does not expressly teach that the modification is done on the same server in which the original map service information was provided. This would require the reformatting of the map service information to be done at the server device coupled on the landnet or the Internet in which the hypermedia information including image data was provided. Tuli teaches a similar invention as that of Yu, for transmitting HTML images from a Web server to a portable device such that the HTML images are translated into a form more suitable for the portable device [column 1: lines 29-40]. The translation is done at the Web server in which the HTML image was provided [column 2: lines 19-26] and when complete, transmits the resulting image to the portable device. This enhances data transfer and retrieval to and from user devices by allowing the newly modified and compressed

image to be transmitted straight to the user device rather than having the whole HTML

page transmitted to the proxy server "300", converted, and finally transmitted to the user

device, as disclosed in Yu.

Since Yu teaches providing an effective interaction between two-way

communication mobile devices and a data network such as the Internet *[Yu, column 2:*

lines 38-41], it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the

invention was made to perform the modification of the map service information on the

same server in which the original map service information was provided and sending

the modified map service information from said server to said user device, as taught by

Tuli. This would enhance data transfer and retrieval to and from user devices by

allowing the newly modified and compressed image to be transmitted straight to the

user device rather than having the whole HTML page transmitted to the proxy server

"300", converted, and finally transmitted to the user device.

7-2.   Referring to claim 2, Yu and Tuli teach the invention substantially as claimed. Yu

further discloses in *[column 6: lines 30-67]* a database of user data, which is read when

interpreting the user input command.

7-3.   Referring to claim 3, Yu and Tuli teach the invention substantially as claimed.

The user input command must inherently be stored temporarily while the device

identification is compared with values in the database of user data so that the

appropriate device parameters can be retrieved.

7-4.   Referring to claim 4, Yu and Tuli teach the invention substantially as claimed. Yu

further discloses in *[column 6: lines 26-67]* that the server manages the database of

user data. Accordingly, user accounts are added, deleted, and modified by the server.

7-5.   Referring to claim 6, Yu and Tuli teach the invention substantially as claimed. Yu

further discloses in *[column 6: lines 30-58]* that the user data of the database comprises

a user identifier, the type of user device, and service mapping parameters.

7-6.   Referring to claim 8, Yu and Tuli teach the invention substantially as claimed. Yu

further discloses in *[column 8: lines 18-32]* that the user input device comprises a

keypad on phone. A user can further input commands by pressing buttons on the

keypad.

Claims 10-13, 15-16, 18, 20-21

7-7.   Referring to claim 10, Yu and Tuli teach the invention substantially as claimed.

Yu further discloses in *[column 6: lines 30-67]* a database of user data, which is read

when interpreting the user input command.

7-8.   Referring to claim 11, Yu and Tuli teach the invention substantially as claimed.

The user input command must inherently be stored temporarily on the server while the

device identification is compared with values in the database of user data so that the appropriate device parameters can be retrieved.

7-9. Referring to claim 12, Yu and Tuli teach the invention substantially as claimed. Yu further discloses in *[column 6: lines 30-67]* a database of user data, which is read when interpreting the user input command.

7-10. Referring to claims 13 and 15, Yu discloses in *[column 6: lines 26-67]* that the server manages the database of user data. Accordingly, user accounts are added, deleted, and modified by the server.

7-11. Referring to claim 16, Yu discloses in *[column 6: lines 30-58]* that the user data of the database comprises a user identifier, the type of user device, and service mapping parameters.

7-12. Referring to claim 18, Yu discloses in *[Figure 1]* that a system in accordance with the disclosed invention comprises a personal computer *["110"]*, which has a QWERTY keyboard.

7-13. Referring to claims 20 and 21, Yu discloses in *[column 3: lines 53-60]* that the user device can be a mobile phone or PDA.

Claim 23

7-14.   Referring to claim 23, Yu discloses in *[column 4: lines 20-45]* that the user device

is a phone form which commands can be sent by pressing buttons on a keypad of said

phone.

8.   Claims 5 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over

U.S. Patent No. 6,684,087 (Yu et al) and U.S. Patent No. 6,941,382 B1 (Tuli) as applied

to claims 2 and 13 above and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,782,253 (Shteyn et

al).

Claim 5 (Method)

8-1.   Regarding claim 5, Yu and Tuli fail to specifically disclose that the user data can

be modified by the user device. Shteyn, however, discloses in *[column 10: line 46]*

through *[column 11: line 15]* a system in which a user can initiate a change in

preferences or profiles that are stored in a remote database via a user device. Shteyn

explains in *[column 11: lines 1-7]* that users may typically want to access several sets of

profile information according to the user's activity (e.g. one group of settings might be

for work while another set might be for home). Accordingly, it would have been obvious

to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the user

data with the user device as taught by Shteyn in combination with the teachings of Yu

and Tuli. Doing so would have been advantageous because it would have allowed

users to switch between several sets of preference or profile information as suggested

by Shteyn.

Claim 14 (System)

8-2.   Regarding claim 14, Yu and Tuli do not expressly teach that the user data can be

modified by the user device. Shteyn, however, discloses in *[column 10: line 46]* through

[column 11: line 15] a system in which a user can initiate a change in preferences or

profiles that are stored in a remote database via a user device. Shteyn explains in

[column 11: lines 1-7] that users may typically want to access several sets of profile

information according to the user's activity (e.g. one group of settings might be for work

while another set might be for home). Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of

ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the user data with

the user device as taught by Shteyn in combination with the teachings of Yu and Tuli.

Doing so would have been advantageous because it would have allowed users to

switch between several sets of preference or profile information as suggested by

Shteyn.

Response to Arguments

9.   The Examiner acknowledges the Applicant's amendments to claims 1, 9, and 22.

Regarding independent claims 1, 9, and 22, the Applicants allege that the host

computer of Tuli (U.S. Patent No. 6,941,382 B1) is an intermediate server and is not the

source server for the image information. Contrary to Applicant's arguments, the

combination of Yu et al (US Patent No. 6,684,087) and Tuli are considered to teach the claim. Yu teaches retrieving image data from a network server which may be hypermedia information *[Yu, column 3, lines 49-52]*. Tuli teaches that host computer 1 *[Tuli, figure 1]* may be a web server *[Tuli, column 2, lines 19-26]*. As is known in the art, web servers host information on the Internet and send out web pages in response to HTTP requests from remote browsers. The web server includes a Browser Translator for translating HTML images for portable devices *[Tuli, column 1, lines 33-40]*. Performing translations of HTML information on the web server enhances data transfer and retrieval to and from user devices by allowing the newly modified and compressed image to be transmitted straight to the user device rather than having the whole HTML page transmitted to the proxy server "300", converted, and finally transmitted to the user device, as disclosed in Yu. Thus, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include in the network server containing the image data of Yu, software for performing modification of the map service information on that server and sending the modified map service information from said server to said user device, as taught by Tuli. This would enhance data transfer and retrieval to and from user devices by allowing the newly modified and compressed image to be transmitted straight to the user device rather than having the whole HTML page transmitted to the proxy server "300", converted, and finally transmitted to the user device.

Applicant alleges that there is no teaching or suggestion in Tuli that the Web server or the Browser Translator performs the translation based on received user input

regarding user device capabilities. Contrary to Applicant's arguments, the combination

of Yu and Tuli teach the limitation. Yu teaches modifying said map service information

at a server module and sending the modified map service information from the server

module to the user device [column 6: lines 4-8, 56-58; figure 3A]. As discussed above, it

would have been obvious to perform this modification based on user device capabilities

on the same server providing the image data.

Applicant alleges that Tuli does not provide any teachings about correlating

service mapping parameters for modifying retrieved information based on user input

commands. Contrary to Applicant's arguments, the combination of Yu and Tuli teach the

limitation. The Tuli reference is used to show that translation of HTML images into a

form more suitable for a portable device may be done at the Web server in which an

HTML image is provided [Tuli, column 2, lines 19-26]. When complete, the Web server

transmits the resulting image to the portable device. The actual translation of the web

page is performed using the same method as taught by Yu. The translation method of

Yu, as disclosed in [column 8: lines 18-31], teaches that map service information is

provided on the server for the user device including service mapping parameters

correlated for the input capabilities of the user input device. Yu explains in [column 7:

line 66] through [column 8: line 7] that the request includes a device identification that

identifies the device. In [column 6: lines 30-58], Yu discloses that the device

identification is linked to device parameters of the user device, which include the user

input mechanism associated with the user device. Yu further discloses in [column 7:

lines 1-23] that the map service information is preprocessed at the server with the

parameters of the user device. Accordingly, the map service information is provided on the basis of the user input command transmitted to the server. Map service information is retrieved at said server *[column 8: lines 4-7]*. Performing the translation method of Yu, on the Web server as taught by Tuli enhances data transfer and retrieval to and from user devices by allowing the newly modified and compressed image to be transmitted straight to the user device rather than having the whole HTML page transmitted to the proxy server "300", converted, and finally transmitted to the user device, as disclosed in Yu. Consequently, and given the broadest, most reasonable interpretation of their claim language, Yu and Tuli are still considered to teach claims 1, 9, and 22.

Applicant states that dependent claims 2-6, 8, 10-16, 18-21, and 23 recite all the limitations of the independent claims, and thus, are allowable in view of the remarks set forth regarding independently amended claims 1, 9, and 22. However, as discussed above, Yu and Tuli are considered to teach claims 1, 9, and 22, and consequently, claims 2-6, 8, 10-16, 18-21, and 23 are rejected.
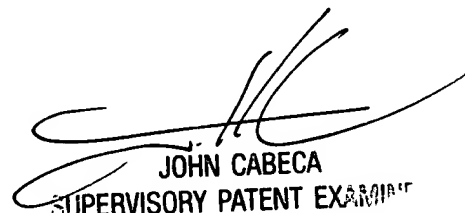
Conclusion

10.   The prior art made of record on attached form PTO-892 and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is required under 37 C.F.R § 111(c) to consider these references fully when responding to this action. The documents cited therein teach similar systems for providing service information on a server for a user device.

11.   Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the
examiner should be directed to <u>Alvin H. Tan</u> whose telephone number is <u>571-272-8595</u>.
The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 10:00-6:30.

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